

I come here today all the way from Bridgeport to voice my opposition to these draconian bills being proposed; particularly S.B. 1076 which has in it the mandatory registration of firearms and the changing of the definition of so called assault weapons just to name those two for the sake of time. I cannot begin to express my sincere disgust for these proposals being brought forth here today. Not just SB. 1076, but the entire line of these anti-gun bills. And for the record, assault is not an object or a thing, but an action or behavior. So to call a particular firearm an assault weapon is merely a name given to that object and not representative of a particular firearm. After all, if you're going to call an AR-15 an assault weapon, then you also would have to call my Glock 19 an assault weapon along with my 12 gauge shotgun, my cooking knife, my baseball bat, and oh; my fist, because I can use all of those and more to assault someone. So let me get to the point. You want us to register our firearms.

Allow me to educate you on the meaning of the Second Amendment because it's not about hunting or target shooting like you politicians like to say it is. Tyranny is a very real possibility for any nation. You like to call us crazy or delusional for even talking about the possibility of a tyrannical government taking hold of this country. But you fail to understand that government is controlled by man and man is imperfect. You like to say that we live in modern times and that those things cannot happen anymore. Tell that to the people of Egypt; tell that to the Syrian rebels who are fighting and dying right now for their freedom because their government is now slaughtering them. Tell that to every single man women and child who has died throughout history at the hands of their own governments because they had no way of defending themselves. You want us to register our firearms so that you can keep track of us and of what we have. I'm here to tell you this; it is none of your DAMN business what I have, how much I have, who I sold it to, when I sold it, how much ammunition I have, when I acquired it and where I have it. It is called the BILL OF RIGHTS! NOT the bill of needs. So please stop telling me that I don't NEED an AR-15 with a 30 round magazine because you don't dictate to me what I need and don't need, I do. I am a free man and I make my own choices. Stop trying to tell me how to live my life and what I can do. I am not your servant; your subject or your slave. You work for me, you work for us. We put you here and we can just as easily vote you out! You're called a public servant for a reason and you serve us. You took an oath to support and defend the Constitution of this State and these United States. Practice your oaths or resign and make way for someone that would. I don't know what history lessons you took back when you were in school; but let me remind you all of what happened when the British attempted the very thing that I know is an ultimate goal here; and that is confiscation. Because we all know that you cannot have confiscation without first requiring registration. Let me tell you what ignited the American Revolution. The colonialist rose up and fought back when British troops were ordered to seize stores of gun powder from the colonials at Lexington and Concord. They weren't having it, and neither are we. I pray to God we don't see a day like that happen again; but God help us all if we do. We're not stupid and we can see the writing on the wall. You may say that you don't intend to disarm us, but your actions say otherwise. With registration you open the door for confiscation. It may not be this administration in this state or in Washington

that does it, but you will leave the door open for someone who will and that is NOT something that we are going to accept. You cannot have them PERIOD. And I will NOT give up my guns to please you! Because when the chips are down, the cops aren't there to protect me, my Glock is. And when tyranny is around, my government isn't there to protect me; my AR-15 is there to protect me against my government. So let me leave you with this message: Molon Labe; Come and take it!

Thank you...

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